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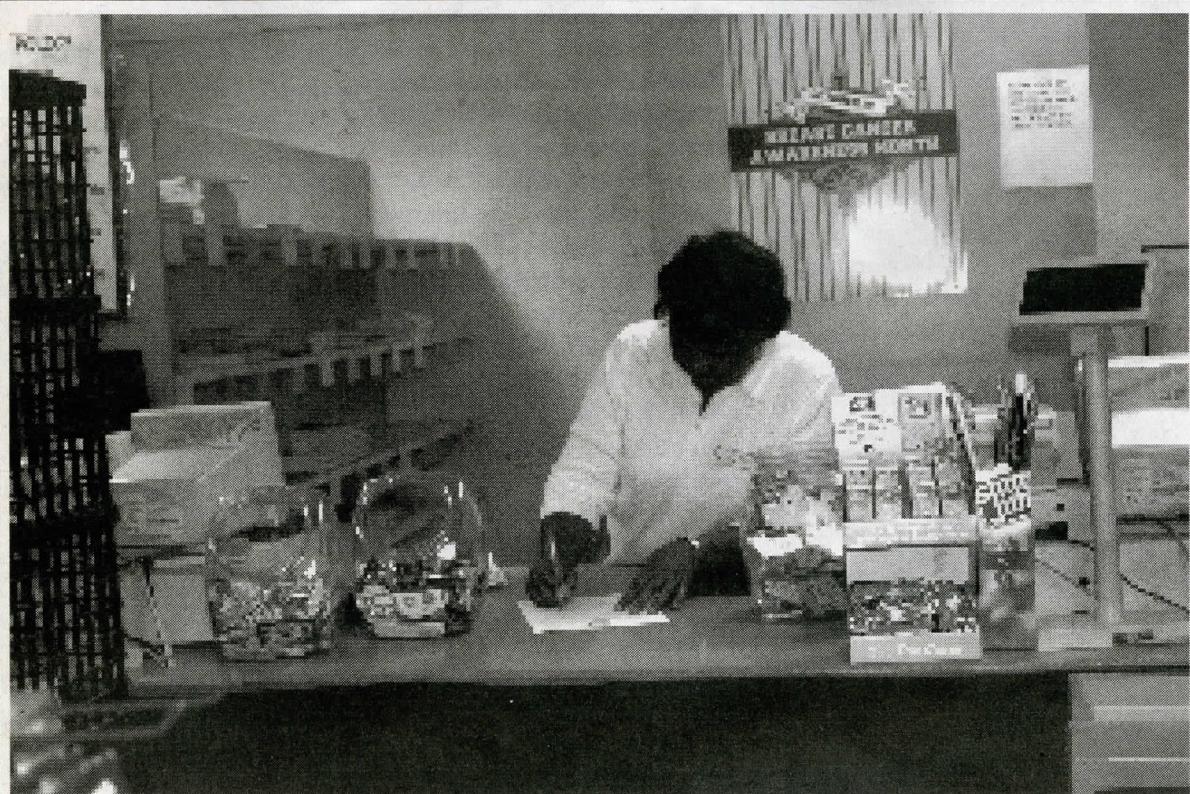


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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS—Victoria Barnwell, manager of the RCC Bookstore owned by Follett, works in front of a poster promoting Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Some items went "Pink" like Tic-Tacs and Coca-Cola bottles as part of the store's support of the awareness campaign. A portion of the sales of these items will go to various cancer research centers throughout the country. According to experts, women of color have to be especially vigilant. Although 90 percent of white women who are diagnosed with breast cancer will live at least five years, only

RCC VOTES FOR PRESIDENT

Students and former students at Roxbury Community College (RCC) who were interviewed before the presidential election on Nov. 4 had a lot to say about the debates; who they would like to win; if they think race is playing a part in the election; and how they would feel if their candidate did not win.

Tayla Marquez-Dendy, 22, is a RCC student majoring in Broadcast Media who currently resides in the South End. She said she has been following some of the debates between Barack Obama and John McCain. "I feel like John McCain was just beating about the bush on all of the other questions just so he could get back to the questions regarding the economy, which he is not

"because, in my opinion, America is a racist country."

Lamar Dias, 20, is a RCC student majoring in Theater Arts. He lives in Roxbury. Even though Dias was running late to he was able to answer a few questions regarding the election and the candidates. "I would like Obama to win because he is actually connecting with the issues that the people are worried about," he said. He said he had watched some of the debates. When asked how he felt about John McCain he said, "I feel like McCain is an older version of Bush and does not want to connect with the lower- and middle-class people, just the wealthy ones." He said if McCain won, "It would be just horrible, and I would just prepare

items went "Pink" like Tic-Tacs and Coca-Cola bottles as part of the store's support of the awareness campaign. A portion of the sales of these items will go to various cancer research centers throughout the country. According to experts, women of color have to be especially vigilant. Although 90 percent of white women who are diagnosed with breast cancer will live at least five years, only 76 percent of black women with the same disease will live five years, according to the American Cancer Society.

PIZZA AND POLITICS MIX ON TOPIC OF FINANCE CRISIS

BY TARIANA V. LITTLE

Advertised as "A Chance to Discuss What's on your Mind," Pizza and Politics, a Roxbury Community College (RCC) club led by Prof. Kiefson Roberts, lived up to its promise in its most recent forum, "The Financial Crisis and How it Affects Us All." On Oct.

8, two guest speakers provided an overview, each from a widely different perspective, about the roots of the financial crisis that is plaguing the US.

Prof. Emeritus Hugh Stringer (Business and Technology) gave a thorough explanation of economics and events and activities that led to this downturn. He shocked

many of the attendees when he explained the unethical concept of Credit Default Swaps (CDSs) that have no benefit of government regulations.

These insurance-like contracts are actually non-regulated, private bets made between parties, B and

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like John McCain was just beating about the bush on all of the other questions just so he could get back to the questions regarding the economy, which he is not helping with anyway."

She said, "Race does play a big part in how the election is going." She said, "I would like Obama to win, but if he does not I feel like the country is in for bad things, and we will have four more years of Bush."

James McGruder, 24, is a RCC student majoring in Broadcast Media who lives in Dorchester. McGruder was interviewed about the election and if he followed the debates. He said he followed the debates somewhat and "would like Barack Obama to win." He went on to say how sad he would be if John McCain were to win. He said felt like race has played a large part in these election proceedings. "Race has everything to do with it," he said,

not want to connect with the lower- and middle-class people, just the wealthy ones." He said if McCain won, "It would be just horrible, and I would just prepare for another Bush term. It would be like Bush never left."

—By Deneen McLean

Shakia Searcy, 19, student at RCC, said she hadn't been keeping up with the debates since she filled her time doing something else. She said she planned to vote for Barack Obama "Cause he's black." She said race is an issue for her "cause the white man is a liar." Searcy said she also believes that if Obama were white it wouldn't really make a difference, and that because he is indeed "half and half," things should remain fairly all right for him. The idea of Obama losing the election didn't sit well with Searcy. If he

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RCC FALL ATHLETICS PROMISE EXCITEMENT

BY ERIN HARPER

With a lot of top athletic recruits from the Boston area choosing Roxbury Community College this semester, it appears RCC might be poised for success during the coming athletic year.

After resurrecting the Women's Basketball Team last season after a four-year hiatus from competitive play, Coach Mark Leszczyk led the Lady Tigers to a 10-8 regular season record and an appearance in the State Tournament. He said

recently he is confident this season will bring even more success.

"I'm entering my 16th year of coaching," said Leszczyk, "and only one other year can I remember being this excited. We have great attitudes across the board. These women are really great people, and we've put together a champion level team."

This year's version of the Women's Basketball Team will feature four returning players, students that Leszczyk is excited to have back. Also bringing excitement to

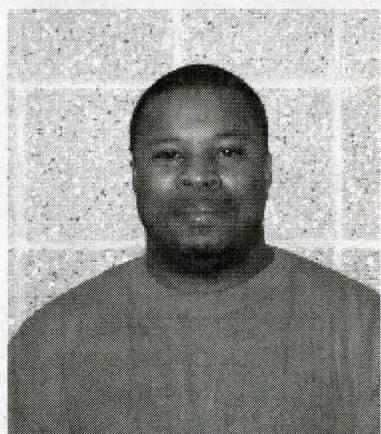
the team will be eight freshman, including team captain Willeen Capehart.

Capehart, a shooting guard from La Salle Academy in Providence, is looking forward to her leadership role with the squad this season. "I was a captain in high school for the past two years," said Capehart. "Being the captain, I want to make sure everyone is making it to practices on time and going to study hall regularly. I will lead by example."

Leszczyk, who says Capehart is

a scholarship-level athlete, knew what kind of player he was getting when he recruited her during the off-season. "She was overlooked in high school. She has the competitiveness and desire, and the more people told her that she couldn't do it, the more she wanted to succeed."

While the Women's Basketball Team will be seeing several new bodies on the court this year, the Men's Basketball team is also on



Courtesy Photo

Head Basketball Coach Kwami Green

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RCC GETS NEW MEN'S HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

Kwami Green coached eight years at Brighton High

BY ERIN HARPER

Kwami Green has joined the Roxbury Community College (RCC) coaching staff as the Men's Head Basketball Coach. Green comes to RCC after coaching at Brighton High School for the past eight seasons.

"I'm excited about our team this season," said Green. "I think we have a terrific opportunity to

get the Men's Basketball Program back on the winning track. I'm looking forward to the chance to coach at the collegiate level."

During his eight seasons as Men's Varsity Basketball Coach at Brighton, Green amassed a 79-63 regular season record, leading his team to the post-season on five occasions. Brighton was crowned the Southside Division Champions during the 2006-2007 season.

Prior to working at Brighton High School, Green spent three seasons as the Men's Head Varsity Coach at Trinity High School in Newton.

"We are excited to have Kwami join the RCC family," said Reggie Lewis Center Director and RCC Athletic Director Keith McDermott. "He brings a lot to the table in that he is well connected to the

high school and AAU community [in Boston]. Most importantly, he is a person of strong values and outstanding leadership, qualities that are crucial to our program."

Green attended Morehouse College in Atlanta where he earned his degree in psychology and liberal arts. For the past 14 years, he has been a counselor for the Boston Public Schools System.

RCC is recognized as the first Junior College inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003. In 2000, the RCC Men's Basketball Team won the NJCAA Division III National Championship.

The writer is Sports Information Director for the Reggie Lewis Center and RCC Athletics.

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ary [Clinton] and McCain have used negative race comments." Babine said she believes that a lot of people are going to vote for or against Obama solely based on him being black just as so many people were for or against Clinton

thinks race has a role in the election because, "People might not be ready to accept an African American president." But, she said she also believes that if Obama were white it wouldn't change anything "as long as he was going to keep

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the upswing.

Kwami Green, a Boston native, has joined the coaching staff as the Men's Head Coach. Green, alongside assistant coaches Tyron Boswell and Kenny Jackson, hope to bring the winning tradition back to the Men's Basketball Program.

"I'm excited about our team this season," said Green. "I'm looking forward to the chance to coach at the collegiate level." Green joined the RCC family after eight seasons as the Head Varsity Coach at Brighton High School, where he led their squad to the playoffs on five occasions.

After a rebuilding year last season, the coaching staff and players alike say they are looking forward to hitting the court

"I really like our chances this season," said freshman point guard Demetrious Lambright of Boston. "If we work together, anything is possible."

In addition to basketball, the indoor Track and Field Team at RCC is ready to get back to work. Led by Head Coach Westley El-

lis, expectations are high this year that several RCC athletics will be able to compete at Nationals.

Abdi Ibrahim, a RCC freshman from East Boston High School, said the track athletes have been working hard before their first meet in December. "We have a schedule going. We've been practicing together, and it's really keeping us motivated," said Ibrahim.

Ibrahim, like many athletes at Roxbury, said he realizes that his success as an athlete must complement his success in the classroom, and hopes to earn all As and Bs in his classes this semester.

Capehart echoed Ibrahim's thoughts about academics. "A lot of people think a community college is not as challenging as a regular university, but the work is the same, maybe harder. 'Community College' only means two years, but I feel like a Division I athlete."

With exciting new athletes and returning veterans, the RCC fall sports season is shaping up to be very successful.

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POET'S CORNER

POEMS BY KRISTINE YOUNG

doesn't win, "I'ma' cry," she said. "We need him in office... I can't wait to vote for that man."

Amanda Babine, 21, a former RCC student, actually works for the Obama campaign. This gives her an inside view of the election. She said kept up with the debates and, as some may have already guessed, plans to vote for Obama. "He supports the programs that I want. He's for social change and he has a certain amount of trustworthiness," Babine said. Babine also said she believes that race is playing a part in the election "since people use it to oppress others" and that "both Hill-

Babine said she believes that a lot of people are going to vote for or against Obama solely based on him being black just as so many people were for or against Clinton because she is a woman. If Obama doesn't win, Babine said she plans to "move to Canada." Working specifically for the Obama campaign affected Babine, she said. "I am more informed about his issues than [about] the other candidates, although I would've voted for him either way."

"Obama!" exclaimed **Lendsy Breneus**, 23, a student at RCC, when asked who she's supporting, "because I believe he can really make a difference." Breneus is among the many who said she

ready to accept an African American president." But, she said she also believes that if Obama were white it wouldn't change anything "as long as he was going to keep the same promises he made about becoming president." Breneus seemed to share Babine's state of mind when she claimed somewhat jokingly that if Obama doesn't win she's going to "pack up and move to Haiti." Breneus added, "I'm gonna have to accept whoever wins and hope things go well for me and all other Americans in this world for the next loooong eight years."

—By Kristine Young

The writers are students in Journalism 1 at RCC.

PIZZA AND POLITICS

C (sometimes insurance companies and another party); the bet is that A, the original buyer, will not be able to pay off its loans, or will default on its bonds, or will go bankrupt, to name a few negative possibilities. Many students remarked how unprincipled these actions are, perhaps even growing distrustful of institutions that citizens are supposed to trust.

One of the attendees, English Prof. David Updike, said the session was "interesting, although it was difficult for some people to understand, including me." Stringer's analysis, although basic to him, was rather confusing for the audience, but one thing was clear: The economic crisis was created by companies gambling

riskily with their money and the money and lives of others.

The second guest speaker, political activist Richard Anderson, led a short explanation of the foundation of the financial crisis from a political point of view. His topic, "What does the Financial Crisis tell us about U.S. Capitalism?" examined the characteristics of capitalism and its impact on the U.S. For example, Anderson spoke about the maintenance of the U.S. military, which receives 50 percent of the U.S.'s gross national product. He stated that such exorbitant spending is due to the U.S. government's desire for expanding U.S. imperialism. Anderson criticized imperialism, excessive government spending on the military, and the bailout, declaring them dangerous for U.S. citizens because these actions are against the working class.

When asked by a student, "What

can we do about this?" he responded that U.S. citizens need to unite as workers and fight against these actions, ultimately leading to a change in government that works for everyone.

The forum attracted many RCC students and faculty, many curious to know the basics of economics, as well as learn about the actions that have led to the current financial disaster. RCC student David Palomares said, "It was well-attended, especially by professors because they are most affected by this." Most of the comments came from students, despite the fact that the faculty is likely better off financially, so the crisis seems important and relevant to us, too.

To learn more about CDS's, go to www.webofdebt.com/articles/.

The writer is a student at RCC and a staff reporter for the Gazette.

POET'S CORNER

POEMS BY KRISTINE YOUNG

Inspired

Scribbling notes on spare pieces of paper
we're datached
different
living in a world all our own
can you dig it?
the words that spill from my mind
and onto pages and pages of...
what?
can you be this complex
and this deep?
and oh so black and purple
come with me
i'll show you things
I'm a PoEt

In love with a...

love
is neva easy
but revenge is
wishing you ill is...
plotting ur death is...
maybe...
i'm being irrational
maybe
this broken heart has finally
driven me crazy
but i embrace it
it's my
inspiration
it feeds me like
you neva could
it neva leaves me
like u always did
its the only real gift
u eva gave me
face it baby
i'm not gonna make this easy...
bleed and cry for me one last time
I LoVe YoU

BOSTON POET LAUREATE READS AT RCC

BY JUDY KAHALAS

Boston Poet Laureate Sam Cornish read several of his poems before a standing-room only crowd in the Roxbury Community College (RCC) Faculty Lounge on Oct. 22.

Cornish, who is called "the poet of the people," was named Boston's first Poet Laureate in January, 2008, after an extensive process to establish the position and then to choose the laureate, sponsored by the City of Boston and Mayor Thomas Menino.

Often heralded as one of the most realistic voices for the African-American experience, Cornish writes about the experiences of his people: in the fields, on the farms, as slaves, and in the urban streets of today. RCC Professors David Updike (English) and Elizabeth Clark (Director of the Office of Student Life and Engagement) arranged the reading.

Cornish said he enjoys visiting schools and bringing the message of poetry to people across the city. He reads from his over 10 published volumes of poetry. At RCC he chose several of his best works, including "Mr. Saunders," a poem about a

them."

To aspiring poets he said, "Read everything: black, gay, lesbian, Chicano, cowboy, everyone. Talk to the page." He spoke of some of his own favorites: T. S. Elliot, Emily Dickinson, Louisa May Alcott, Chester Himes, and E.E. Cummings, to name a few. To the surprise of many in the audience, Cornish did not seem to be a fan of Maya Angelou, saying he considers her less a poet than a media star.

The Boston Poet Laureate left his audience with a final thought: "Nothing is so boring as a self-conscious intellectual. Lighten up. Smoke a little. Take a drink once in awhile." The audience seemed to happily agree.

The writer is the coordinator of the RCC Writing Center and a faculty adviser to the Gazette.



Courtesy Photo

Boston Poet Laureate Sam Cornish addresses the crowd at his inauguration last February as Mayor Thomas Menino looks on.

DUAL ENROLLMENT NOW OFFERED

BY DEAN WALTER CLARK

Under the fiscal year 2009

enroll in a college course and receive college credit for that course which can be applied towards the

to be accepted into the program. The program pays for tuition and fees. Note: Dual Enrollment stu-

- An official transcript.
- Placement test results.
- Students MUST have appro-

across the city. He reads from his over 10 published volumes of poetry. At RCC he chose several of his best works, including "Mr. Saunders," a poem about a barber in the South; "The Men of Brewster Place," in which he compares life to a spittoon; and "Wild Women," an ode to the strength and beauty of women.

Throughout the reading, Cornish elicited responses and questions from the audience. One young woman was somewhat put off that Cornish dedicated the poem "Wild Woman" to her. He deftly explained his intention in the poem was to exalt women rather than to demean them.

Cornish, an imposing man with a massive gray Afro and thick eyeglasses, spoke to the gathering with charm and humor. When he was asked his thoughts on rap as a genre, he replied, "Rap is performance. Rap artists rely heavily on rhyme and let the words control

BY DEAN WALTER CLARK

Under the fiscal year 2009 budget approved by the Massachusetts Legislature and signed by Gov. Duval Patrick, the Commonwealth has appropriated funds to the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (DHE) for dual enrollment at public higher education institutions. The Dual Enrollment Program allows qualified high school students to take courses at Roxbury Community College (RCC) and receive college credit. Overseen by the office of Enrollment Management and Student Judicial Affairs, the program is coordinated by Professor Nasreen Latif. Letters will again be sent to local high schools with the following information:

Dual Enrollment Program Application Process

Dual enrollment is an arrangement whereby a junior or senior still attending high school may

enroll in a college course and receive college credit for that course which can be applied towards the student's high school diploma.

Students *must* take the College's placement test (Accuplacer) before being placed into one or more of the courses.

Enrollment Management will select the first 48 students, on a first-come-first-served basis, with special consideration given to students who are the first generation to attend college or are interested in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The course should count towards the student's high school graduation requirements.

Students may take up to two classes per semester. Students must have a GPA of at least a 2.0

to be accepted into the program. The program pays for tuition and fees. Note: Dual Enrollment students do not pay an application fee, but they must complete a special Dual Enrollment application. Students who are interested in the Dual Enrollment Program must speak to their high school guidance counselor and submit the following:

- A completed RCC Dual Enrollment admission application signed by a parent or guardian. Please do not apply online for Dual Enrollment.

- A letter from a school official (headmaster, guidance counselor, or teacher) recommending the student and the name of the course that the student needs to complete.

- An official transcript.
- Placement test results.
- Students **MUST** have appropriate placement scores and meet College prerequisites for the class they wish to take.

The application deadline date is Jan. 9, 2009. All paperwork, including placement test results, *must* be completed and submitted to the Admissions Office located at: Admissions (Building 2, Room 102), Roxbury Community College, 1234 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120 by this date. Students will be notified of their acceptance prior to the start of classes.

The writer is Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Judicial Affairs at RCC.

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BOOK LOAN PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS FUNDED

Each year the faculty, staff and administration of Roxbury Community College (RCC) band together to raise money through an auction and Bowl-a-Thon. The Steering Committee determined that the best way to utilize the funds that have been raised was to buy books for students who could not afford them. Last semester the first Roxies Book Loan Program provided over \$5,000 worth of books to needy students who met the criteria that the committee established.

Students who want to know whether they can qualify for a book loan, should review the criteria below. Applications will be distributed the first and second week of the Spring Semester. All books must be returned to the Writing Center after the final exam. Students must have been at RCC at least one semester, must have attained at least a 2.2 GPA, and must have an active RCC e-mail address for contact information. Preference will be given to students who do not receive financial aid and book vouchers.

All students who will need financial assistance in buying books next semester should go to the Language Department (Room 3-201) to pick up an application. Completed applications should be returned to the secretary of the Language Department, Ms. Sherene McKinley. This information will be emailed to students early in the Spring Semester, 2009.

Submitted by the Bowl-a-Thon Steering Committee.

OPINION

Administration should pay attention to students' feedback

BY TAUNA GOOD

When students are accepted to an institution of higher learning, the administration has the obligation and the privilege to become a part of each student's life from the time of registration to the date of graduation. However, the world has lost a touch of humanity and has for some time been able to relate only in dollars and cents.

Those who walk the halls of Roxbury Community College (RCC) are more than dollars and cents. There is a unique variety of students, not so different from that of any community college. We are: just out of high school, mothers, fathers, career changers, second degree seekers, students with high I.Q.s, wage earners, welfare recipients, speakers of English as a second language and human beings who realize we need more education in order to move forward.

It has been said that RCC has one of the toughest nursing programs, not only to get into, but to stay in. The Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center is a venue for

ken elevators, furniture that must have been there since my mother graduated and the most inept ring-a-round the rosy bathroom configurations ever seen. The best kept part of campus is the quad. The landscapers deserve applause. It looks especially beautiful in the brochures.

Cold bathrooms aside, we have some brilliant professors who come in and share their knowledge with us. For some this is a full-time job, and for others this is a part-time job, meaning they also go home tired like their students. What more could we all ask but for the environment to be a bit more pleasing? Heat in the elevators and hallways in the winter would be pleasing.

Nursing seems to be one of the biggest programs of interest in this institution. Consequently, the Student Center should not ever be considered to be anything other than a small part of a Nursing Building. And, by the way, a small café is all we need because we are definitely not getting dynamic services from the cafeteria con-

test year after year. Students don't have a chance to learn from their mistakes and understand what it is they've actually learned. If we are held accountable, why aren't they?

To some outside the community college family, community college means "less than," but those of us who attend RCC know that not to be true in terms of our education, the material presented to us and what our professors expect from us.

Students who walk RCC's halls seem to have no say over the how the funds are distributed or suggest improvements that need to be made to the school, or what we ever think might be conducive to our needs. We can't seem to have a semester without the elevators breaking down at least twice. We filled out a survey that asked if RCC students wanted wireless communication throughout the college. I don't recall, however, a survey about whether we should share our space with convicted felons.

The administration has an obligation to every student at this in-

Students and professors both need to shine

BY ASIM KIETA

This is my first time back in school since 1994, so this is literally starting all over again. However, I'm finding that I was challenged more in my 8th grade year as an advanced work student than here as a freshman in college! I shouldn't have such high expectations, but society has conditioned me to believe that college is to prepare me for the world that awaits me outside of school, and what I'm experiencing is more or less a repeat of high school.

I find the methods of teaching from professor to professor to be inconsistent. Depending upon the student, it may not be beneficial to sit and listen to an hour of lecturing. I've learned a great deal in the majority of my classes, but looking around at my fellow classmates, I see looks that can only be described as bewilderment. I've had many classmates confide in me that they don't understand what's going on in the classroom, and I

but if someone teaches a College Survival Seminar in which time management is part of the lesson taught in the course, but yet is consistently late, it is hard for the person to be taken seriously. Setting the right example, especially in a college setting, is key to the positive growth of any individual, be the person student or professor.

Before deciding to attend Roxbury Community College (RCC) I was informed of the stigma that this school has but that did not sway me from pursuing an education here. Now I can speak from the inside because I'm no longer looking in. Why would anyone want to accept mediocrity when "we" can strive for greatness and—with out question—achieve it? When will faculty and students come to the conclusion that we fully represent this institution?

I've encountered a vast amount of intelligence, experience, compassion and genuine concern from many professors

one of the toughest nursing programs, not only to get into, but to stay in. The Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center is a venue for events from cheerleading competitions to United States track and field qualifying meets. Our location is one of the most sought after real estate addresses in Roxbury, and we have public transportation at our door, allowing those who live outside the city door-to-door access to its campus.

Maybe that's why we continue to endure cold dank hallways, bro-

other than a small part of a Nursing Building. And, by the way, a small café is all we need because we are definitely not getting dynamic services from the cafeteria contract we now have with its bland overpriced food and inconvenient operating times.

Each student that opts to enter the doors of Roxbury Community College is thread toward a quilt of the future, without whom this institution may cease to exist. The administrators of this institution should know that some professors continue to give the same

survey about whether we should share our space with convicted felons.

The administration has an obligation to every student at this institution. There are administrators who have authority and power, and influence to make miracles happen. Most of the time they don't.

The writer is a student at RCC and on the Gazette staff. Please send her any questions or comments: writingcenter@roxbury.edu.

looks that can only be described as bewilderment. I've had many classmates confide in me that they don't understand what's going on in class or that they don't like the professor because of the way he or she teaches. Some professors don't see that we all have different levels of understanding when it comes to what's being taught.

For individuals straight out of high school that are familiar with class work and homework assignments on a weekly basis, this drastic change in the fundamentals of learning is alien to them. How can one be expected to excel? How does this affect living up to this school's motto, "The Gateway to the Dream?"

Learning is a lifelong process,

I've encountered a vast amount of intelligence, experience, compassion and genuine concern from many professors here at RCC. I've been awestruck to know that these beacons of hope and guidance are totally unaware of each other. How can we as students grow among and with one another when professors are unaware of each other?

The goal has to be to have every member of RCC shine brighter than a star in every aspect of life in order to change all views and opinions toward "our" school, no longer to have it viewed as merely a steppingstone toward something better.

The writer is a student at RCC.

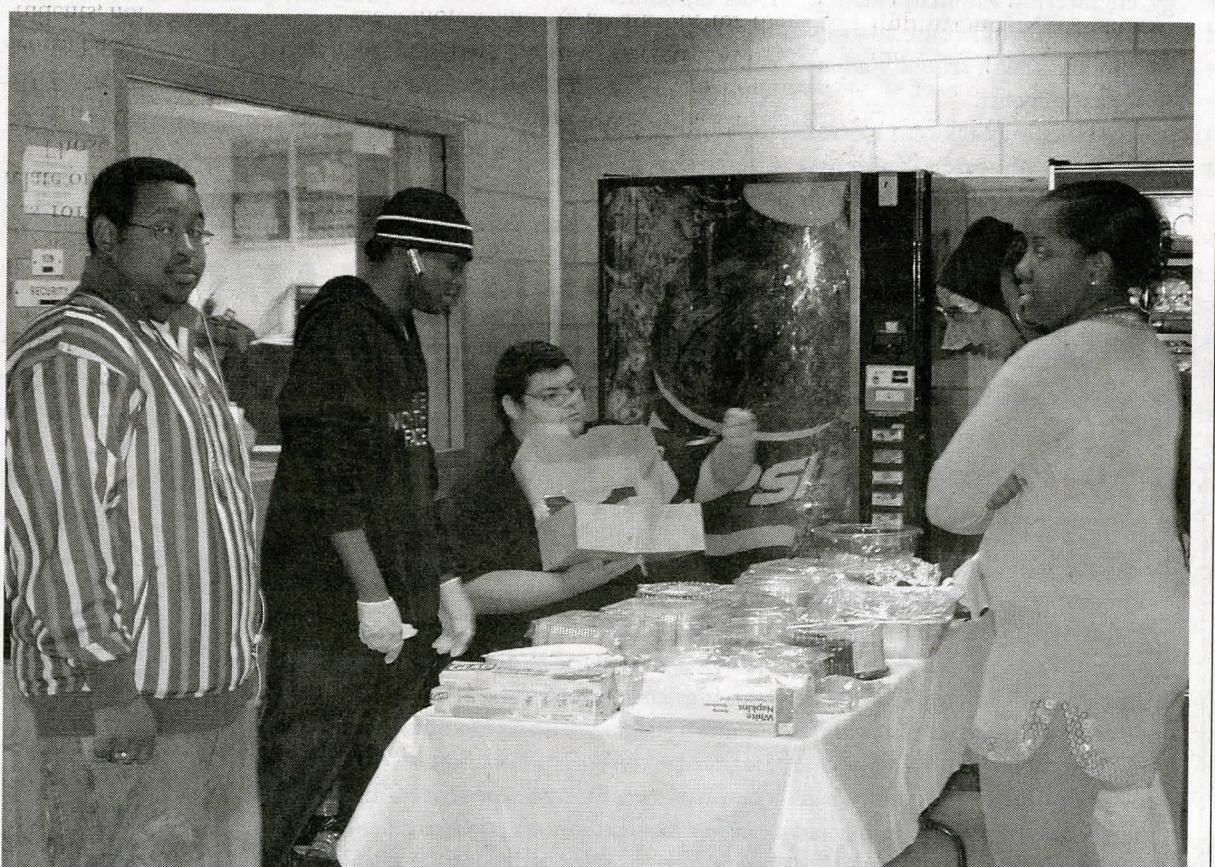


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MOVING PICTURE—Students from the Video Club raise money at a bake sale for a trip to New York.

Gazette Friendship Photo Contest

Submit your best photograph with a caption telling the name of photographer and giving who (full names, please), what, why, where and when about the photo. We will publish the five best, as determined by our judges. The theme of the contest is Friendship, and all photos should depict friendship in any form. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 17.

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Send your photographs to writingcenter@roxbury.edu. Please provide your name and telephone number as well as your e-mail address.

